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**RESPONSE**

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 16, 2005 for the above-identified application.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1 to 5 are pending in the Application. Claims 1-5 are rejected. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of record is requested in view of the following comments:

**Rejection under 35 USC §112, second paragraph**

Claim 1-5 are rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite in that the phrase "reduced pressure" is indefinite.

Applicants' have adequately described in the Specification what the term "reduced pressure" means. See the Specification, page 3, line 26 to page 4, line 18. Applicants have noted that reduced pressure is any pressure below normal that results in an improvement in the effectiveness of the 1-substituted cyclopropene over that obtained at normal pressure. Applicants also note that reduced pressure conditions vary depending on the type of cyclopropene compound used, the amount of the cyclopropene compound used, and the kind of agricultural product treated. See the Specification, page 4, lines 10-12.

In addition, it is clear from Specification, page 4, line 27 to page 5, line 2 that one obtains reduced pressure conditions by using a process in which : "... an agricultural product is placed